

**PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
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**Title:** *Protecting mobile code against malicious hosts*

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**Response to a non-final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

**Status of the prosecution**

The above patent application was the subject of a pre-appeal brief conference on 4/28/09. The decision of the conference was to reopen prosecution, and Applicants were notified of a first Office action in the reopened prosecution on 7/9/2009. Claims 1-29 remain in the application; the independent claims are claims 1, 6, 14, and 22. In the Office action of

5 7/9/2009, Examiner allowed claims 22-29, rejected claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter, and rejected claims 6-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over the combination of two new references: Takeuchi, et al., U.S. patent 6,820,200 (hereinafter "Takeuchi"), and Mahmoud, "Java Tip 22: Protect your Bytecodes from Reverse Engineering/Decompilation", (hereinafter "Mahmoud"). Applicants are

10 amending claims 1 and 6 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 and in the case of claim 6, to more accurately describe the invention and are traversing the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Applicants are further providing an IDS with references that are not prior art to Applicants' invention, but which may provide Examiner with guidance with regard to the technology with which Applicants' inventions are concerned. References to

15 Applicants' Specification in the following are to paragraph numbers in the above application's U.S. Patent Application Publication 2006/0026430.

**Please amend the claims as follows:**